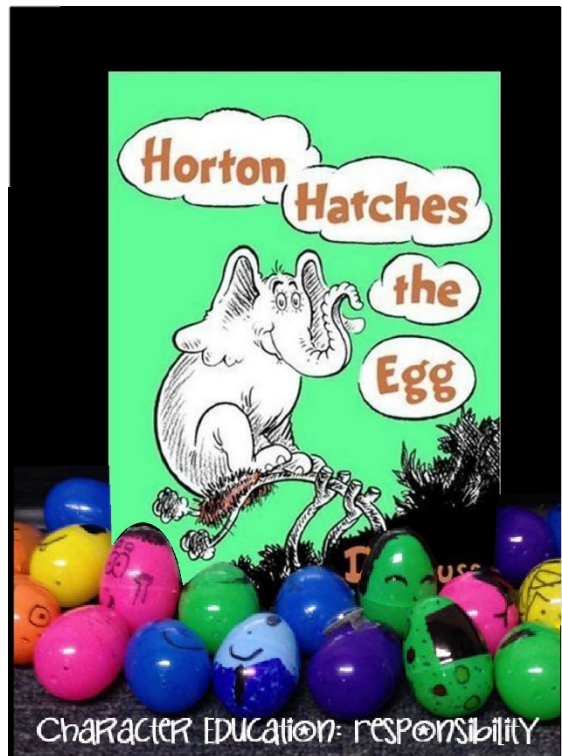


Incorporating Character: A Memorable Way To Teach RESPONSIBILITY



One of the most powerful things we can do to teach character education is to include object lessons that reinforce the traits.

For example, you can teach responsibility, by reading,

Horton Hatches the Egg - by Dr. Seuss.

Then give each child a plastic Easter egg (which they decorate like a person) and their job is to take care of the egg for 24 hours! A true life lesson and one they don't forget.

DISCUSSION:

1. Do you consider yourself to be a responsible person? Why? In what ways?
2. Were you a responsible person by taking care of your egg for a whole day?
3. Do you consider it important for your friends and family members to be responsible? Why?
4. Think about somebody you know who is very responsible. How does that person demonstrate responsibility? Does that make you respect him/her more?
5. What does the golden rule have to do with responsibility?
6. Do you think you were as responsible with your egg as Horton was in the story? Why? Why not? What could you have done better?
7. What does being responsible have to do with the quality of your character?
8. What are the benefits of being a responsible person? How do you benefit from the responsibility of others?

